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SUBJECT: DANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF PRIME MINISTERS HARTLING'S
VISIT TO CHINA

REF: COPENHAGEN 2734(NOTAL)

SUMMARY:. PRIMIN HARTLING'S VISIT TO CHINA IS RECEIVING
EXTENSIVE PRESS SOVERAGE HERE, INCLUDING HIS DESCRIPTION
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OF HIS RECEPTION AS THE "GRANDEST EVER EXTENDED TO HIM"

HE MET WITH MAO AND CHOU EN-LAI BOTH OF WHOM HE FOUND ALERT AND WELL INFORMED. CHINESE SIDE MADE PREDICTABLE PRONOUNCEMENTS STRESSING NEED FOR MAINTAINING EUROPE'S MILITARY AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND WARNED AGAINST REPROCHMENT WITH SOVIET UNION. SHIPPING AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED AND A JOINT TRADE COMMISSION SET UP. HARTLING URGED THE CHINESE TO JOIN THE WORLD BANK AND INDICATED THAT A CHINESE OBSERVER POSITION AT THE EC MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED NEXT YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER HARTLING'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA OCT 18-27 HAS RECEIVED EXPECTEDLY HEAVY COVERAGE IN THE DANISH PRESS. IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL

PARTY, INCLUDING MRS HARTLING THERE ARE JOURNALISTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL DANISH NEWSPAPERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT RADICAL). REQUEST FOR A VISA BY POLITIKENS CHIEF EDITOR HERBERT PUNDIK WAS REJECTED REPORTEDLY BECAUSE THE CHINESE SAID THEY DO NOT MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRY OF HIS CITIZENSHIP(ISRAEL)

2. ACCORDING TO COPENHAGEN PRESS REPORTS, HARTLING WAS MET AT THE PEKING AIRPORT BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING CHAIRMAN OF THE PEKING REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE WU TE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE PEOPLES CONGRESS HSU HSIANG-CHIEN AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG. THERE WAS THE "OBLIGATORY" MILITARY PARADE AND 4,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE TURNED OUT WITH DANISH AND CHINESE FLAGS. HARTLING REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED THE RECEPTION AS "THE GRANDEST WELCOME EVER EXTENDED TO HIM" THE PEKING PEOPLES DAILY IS QUOTED AS CARRYING A TWO-COLUMN EDITORIAL PRAISING HARTLING AND HIS GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORTING A STRONG NATIONAL AND A COMMON EUROPEAN DEFENSE AGAINST THREATS AGAINST SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE AND FOR EFFORTS TO ASSURE THAT EUROPE SPEAKS WITH ONE VOICE ON IMPORTANT MATTERS. (COMMENT: THESE ARE ALL POLICIES HARTLING IS CRITICIZED FOR BY DANISH RADICAL PARTIES)

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3. REPORTS DESCRIBED THE CHINESE TREATMENT OF HARTLING AS "MUCH MORE THAN WARRANTED BY A MINOR COURTESY VISIT." MAO'S WIFE, CHIANG CHING, HOSTED THE FORMAL RECEPTION PRELIMINARY TO THE MAIN 600-GUEST BANQUET ON OCT 19. HARTLING VISITED CHOU EN-LAI IN HOSPITAL AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG. THE VISIT WITH MAO TOOK PLACE OCT 20 AFTER ONLY A FIFTEEN-MINUTE NOTICE AT A

PLACE NOT DISCLOSED(THOUGHT TO BE THE SUMMER RESIDENCE
AT HANGCHOW)

4. HARTLING DESCRIBED BOTH CHOU AND MAO AS "EXTREMELY
WELL INFORMED AND TO THE POINT". QUESTIONS REPORTEDLY
DISCUSSED WITH MAO DURING THE ONE-HOUR MEETING INCLUDED
CHINA,EUROPE,NATO, "SECURITY CONFERENCE" AND GREENALDN.
HARTLING WELCOMED CHINESE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN AND WOULD
LIKE TO SEE IT A MEMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATION SUCH AS
THE WORLD BANK. MAO WAS SAID TO BE VERY ARTICULATE AND
SPOKE WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION
OF BEING WELL-INFORMED. HARTLING TOLD DANISH
CORRESPONDENTS THAT MAO ROSE TO GREET IM WITH A FIRM
HANDSHAKE. HE SEEMED TO BE A MAN WHO HAD REACHED HIS
80'S WITH DIGNITY AND WAS STILL IN TOP INTELLECTUAL
FORM.

5. ACCORDING TO BERLINGSKE TIDENDE(INDEPENDENT CON
SERVATIVE) HARTLING TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CONVINCE
THE CHINESE OF THE GOOD SINSE IN EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO
REACH A DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN THE CONTEXT
OF "RELIABLE" NATO FORCES AND GROWING EC SOLIDARITY.
CICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING REPORTEDLY MADE IT CLEAR
THAT HE BELIEVED EUROPEAN ATTEMPTS TO RELAX RELATIONS
WITH THE SOVIETS WEE BASED ON AN ILLUSION. IN HIS
OPINION A NEW WORLD CONFLICT MIGHT WELL ARISE IN EUROPE
AND HE DID NOT "FOLLOW-UP" HARTLING'S REQUEST TO JOIN
IN EFFORTS TO EASE RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. THE VICE
PREMIER EMPHASIZED CHINA'S INTEREST IN MAINTAINING A
EUROPE BOTH MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY STRONG. CHOU
ALSO REPORTEDLY STRESSED THE NEED FOR A UNITED EUROPE
AS AN INDEPENDENT FACTOR IN A WORLD BALANCE. HARTLING
WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE CHINESE REGARD DENMARK
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""AS A FRIENDLY NATION WHICH DOES NOT CARRY A KNIFE UP
ITS SLEEVE".

6. AS A RESULT OF THE TALKS, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED
ON SHIPPING WHICH WILL EXEMPT DANISH SHIPS FROMTHE
2.5 PERCENT HARBOR TAX IN CHINESE PORTS. A JOINT
COMMISSION WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO DISCUSS TWO-WAY TRADE
AFTER THE EXISTING BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT EXPIRES
AS THE RESULT OF DANISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. THE
PRESENT TWO-WAY TRADE TOTAL OF ABOUT 100 MILLION KRONER
' US \$16 MILLION) CAN BE EXPANDED WITH THE CHINESE
PROMISING TO CORRECT THE CURRENT IMBALANCE IN THEIR FAVOR.
THE DANES INDICATED INTEREST IN OIL AND SOYBEAN IMPORTS
BUT THE CHINESE REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THEY WERE NOT
AT PRESENT IN A POSITION TO EXPORT OIL. A NEW CULTURAL

AGREEMENT WAS ALSO CONCLUDED.

7. ON DANISH TELEVISION OCT 20 HARTLING WAS QUOTED AS
SAYING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHINESE OBSERVER
AT THE EC MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE "NEXT YEAR".
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